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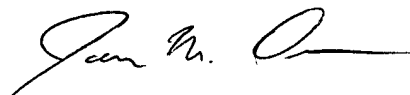
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Dear Commissioner:

The undersigned is the attorney of record for the subject inventor. On April 28, 2005 this office sent you a letter inquiring as to the status of the above-referenced utility patent application. As of this date, we have not received any response regarding the status of the examination of the application. Please advise as to the status of the examination.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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